

ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

EMNAMBITHL/LADYSMITH MUNICIPALITY

COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE EMNAMBITHL/LADYSMITH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL BUILDING, MURCHISON STREET, LADYSMITH ON
THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2010 AT 15:00**
(MM)

PRESENT

As per the attached attendance register.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors	M	Mishali	- Written
	G S L	Mokoena	- Verbal
	L	Chetty	- Written
	M R	Sudabby	- Written
	Z J	Dlaedwa	- Written
	T T	Muller	- Written
	B D	Jubber	- Written

ABSENT

Councillors	N T	Gumbi
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STAFF

Messrs	N J	Mdakane	-	Municipal Manager
	R G	Reddy	-	Executive Manager: Governance & Transformation
	M P	Khathide	-	Executive Manager: Economic Development
	H A	Van Zyl	-	Manager Corporate Services
	S D	Sibande	-	Manager Performance Management
	B	Bell	-	Assistant Manager Electrical Engineering Services
	M V	Radebe	-	Assistant Manager Engineering Services
Ms	P S	Mntaka	-	Senior Legal Advisor

LEGEND

A Items :	BLUE	:items considered by Exco and referred to Council
C Items :	GREEN	:confidential matters considered by Exco and referred to Council

1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**READ****2. ELECTION OF ACTING SPEAKER FOR THE MEETING**

Withdrawn

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councillor B S E Cebekhulu offered prayer.

4. CREDENTIALS

In terms of the attendance register and credentials, it was found that the following councillors were present and had signed the attendance register:

ANC	-	25
IFP	-	9
DA	-	3
NADECO	-	1
MINORITY FRONT	-	1
ACDP	-	Nil

RESOLVED

That the meeting be convened as the required quorum had been met.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Written applications for leave of absence for Councillors M Mtshali, L Chetty, M R Suddaby, Z J Diaedwa, T T Muller and B D Jubber.

Verbal apologies were tendered on behalf of Councillors G S L Mokoena.

RESOLVED

That leave of absence be granted to Councillors Councillors M Mtshali, L Chetty, M R Suddaby, Z J Diaedwa, T T Muller and B D Jubber and Councillors N T Gumbi and G L S Mokoena ensure that application for leave of absence in writing is submitted to the Office of Executive Manager: Governance and Transformation, within seven days after this meeting.

6. MOTIONS OF CONDOLENCES

Nil

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:
ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON**

5. 5.1 MATTERS CONSIDERED BY EXCO AND REFERRED TO COUNCIL

5.1.1 SPECIAL EXCO MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2010

ITEM A 1
LC1/1/2010 (of meeting 28/01/10)
SERVICE DELIVERY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SDBIP) MID-YEAR
REPORT – 2009/2010 : (PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

“Councillor G S Nkosi joined at this stage of proceeding.”

ITEM A 1 OF 28/01/10 RESOLVED

1. That the contents of the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan Mid-year report for 2009/2010 be noted.
2. That, in future, all Chairpersons of the Portfolio Committees present reports to EXCO meeting on the functioning of their committees.

For : 41

Against : Nil

A:EMF(CFO)

ITEM A 2
LC2/1/2010 (of meeting 28/01/10)
MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (MFMA) / MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT
(MSA): 2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT : (PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

“Councillor A M Hadebe joined at this stage of proceeding”

ITEM A 2 OF 28/01/10 RESOLVED

1. That the contents of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) / Municipal Systems Act (MSA) 2008/2009 Annual Report be approved.

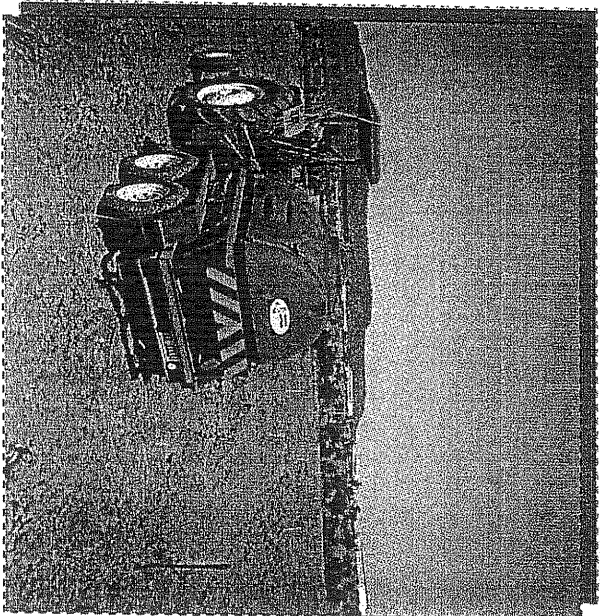
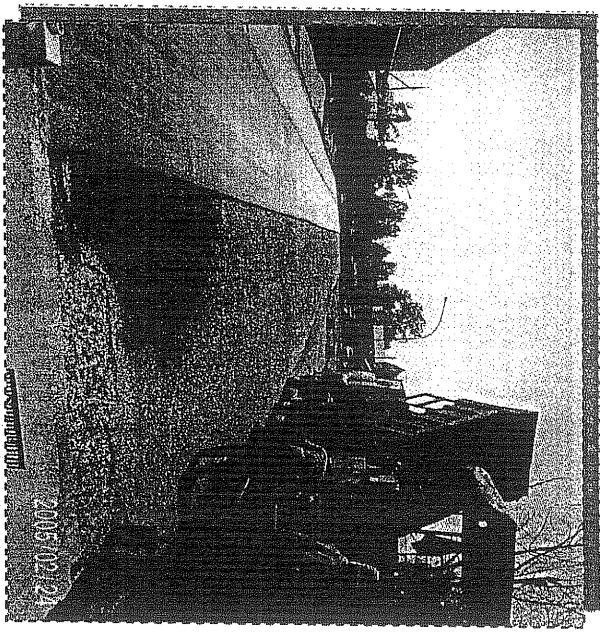
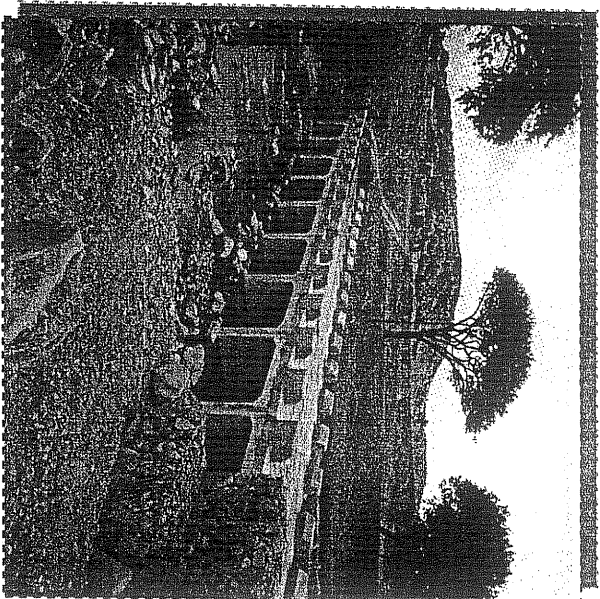
FURTHER RESOLVED

2. That the In-service student salary be increased to R50-00 per day as from 1 February 2010.

For : 32

Against: 10

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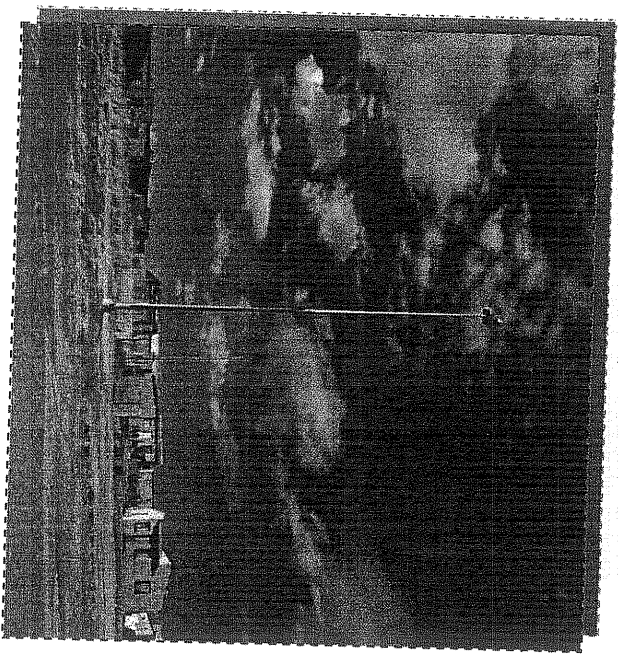
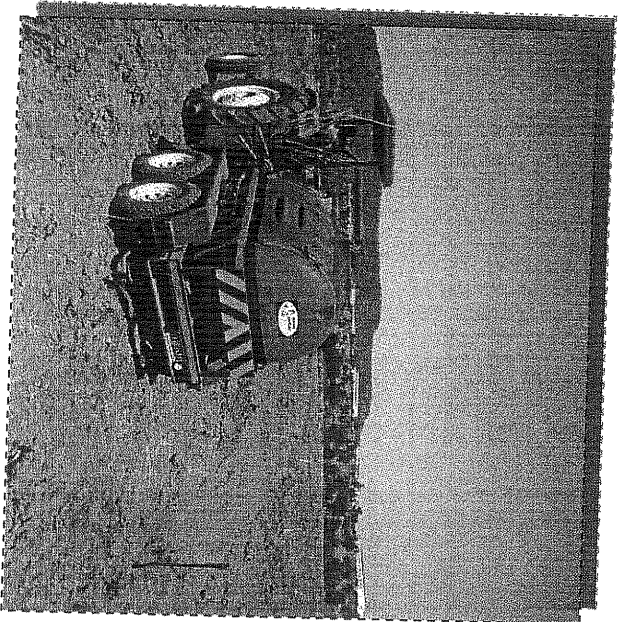
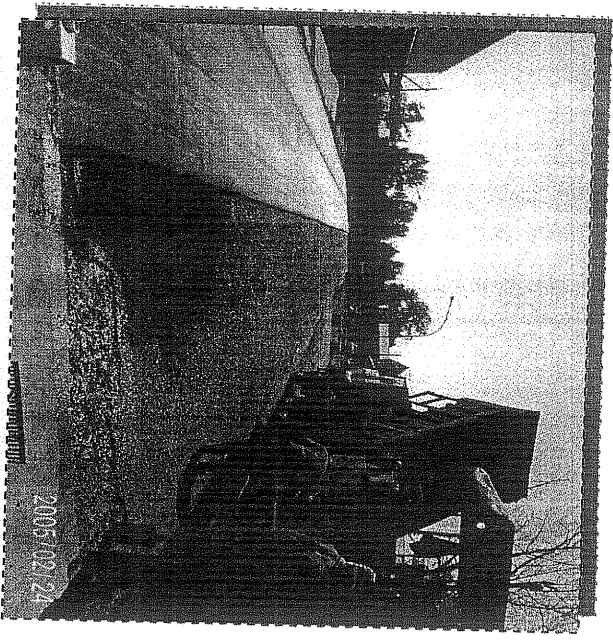
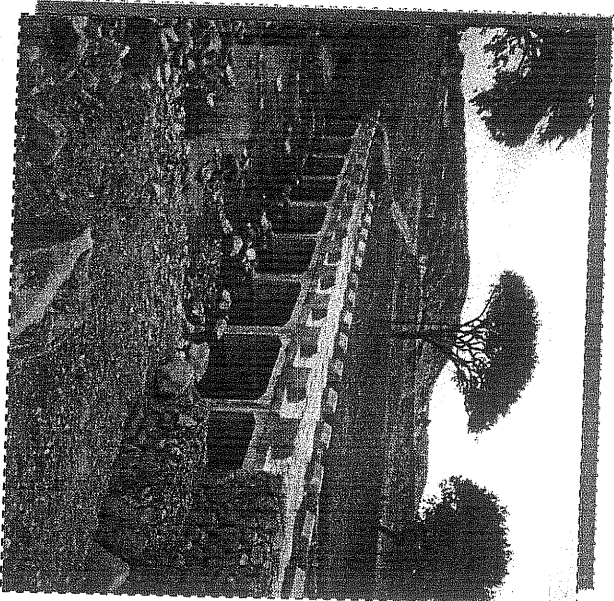
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CHAPTER 01

1.1 MAYORAL FOREWORD

Inspired by our collective desire to achieve the total transformation of our society, it is a great pleasure to present the 2008-2009 Annual Report. Guided by the National Strategic Agenda on service delivery and the Millennium Goals we have as council made massive strides under circumstances where resources dictates our cause of action.

Over the last few years we have been able to achieve unprecedented progress as outline in the Five National Key Performance Indicators, thus including Basic Service Delivery, Financial Viability, Local Economic Development, Institutional Transformation and Good Governance and Public Participation.

The provision of basic services to our communities had form the basic our current mandate and an ultimate priority for our focus. The period between 2008-2009 brought about the completion of the acceleration in the electrification of the following areas: Ntombi's Camp, Area 'J' and Area 'C' and the strengthening of the Umbulwane MV Backbone upgrade project. The provision of free basic electricity has been provided to all indigent households, hence, we have automatically declared every property to the value equivalent to an RDP house with a provision of free basic electricity.

The collection of refuse has been improved in all areas where the Municipality deems responsible. We have procured plants and vehicles exceeding the total value of R10 000 000 to address waste management challenges. Heavy vehicles were purchased to replace the retired and absolute vehicles we had been using for the last 20 years or so. The responsibility and function of collection of refuse at Ezakheni areas has been returned to the Municipality and thus brought about resounding improvements.

The Siyazenzela project launched last year in partnership with the Provincial Department of Transport has brought about an extension of waste management services into rural areas. The flagship project has further led to poverty alleviation by providing an stipends to a number of poor families in our municipality.

The construction of access roads and tiring of roads in the township remains one of our immediate flagship projects. We constructed more than 30km of new roads in the rural wards and tiring of township areas to be accelerated further in the current financial year. The Municipality has also spent more than R20 million in the last three years towards the procurement of heavy plants and equipments to enhance public works projects in the Municipality. Most of the current projects have been undertaken using our own funding (in-house capital) contrary to the projected loan budgeted funding as adopted by council so far.

The period 2008-2009 has been one of the most challenging era in the economy of our times. The Global economic meltdown has to a large extend had an impact in terms of job losses as well as our regional contribution towards the Provincial Growth Domestic Product. The withdrawal of international investment from our shores has led to an escalation in joblessness and dwindling revenue in rates and electricity income in our Municipality.

We have made inroads inspite of global economic challenges been able to attract investors towards our untapped local commercial developments. These has brought about a viable conclusion of multimillion commercial development projects, firstly, the well anticipated Helpmekaar (N11 corridor) commercial development, Ezakheni Commercial development and the Aerodrome Eco-Estate and commercial development. We hope that a realization of one of the three developments would certainly bring about much needed facelift in our local economic landscape.

Indeed, we are not immune from the number of challenges facing Municipalities in our country today. Our endeavours to achieve our strategic goals, has had its share of challenges. Those challenges can only be addressed if we work together driven by a collective desire inspired to improve the lives of our people. This includes the acceleration of housing development, electrification of rural areas, job creation and speeding the construction of community infrastructure, including roads and basic community facilities such as clinics. The provision of adequate water and sanitation by the Uthukela district remain the biggest hurdle, thus proving to have a negative bearing towards good governance and service delivery in our municipality.

The recently developed ward profile document would further assist us in identifying areas where are in need of urgent attention. There 2010-2011 budget shall began to align word profile to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the correct allocation of budget to meet the demands of our people. The involvement of sector departments is critical in addressing service delivery backlogs in our municipality.

We are confident that we shall approach the 2009-2010 financial year with vigour and confident. We shall continue with efforts aimed at engaging maximum participation public participation through the Annual State of the Municipal Address, IDP forums and other public engagements. The alignment of Batho Pele Principles and Citizen Commitment Charter remains priority in our agenda, every employee and councillor must espouse and reflect care, patience and resilient in fulfilling our mandate.

Our sincere thanks goes to all our communities, hard working councillors, our enthusiastic and committed officials for what they have done during the 2008-2009 financial year.

I hope you find the report worthwhile in improving our quest for ultimate service delivery. Together We Can Do More.



Cllr. D.C.P Mazibuko
Her worship, the Mayor.

1.2 OVERVIEW OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The Emmabothn/Ladsmith Municipality established on 5 December 2000 comprises an area of approximately 3000 km² and falls within the Utrukela District Municipality.

Ladysmith is the main administration and business centre of the Municipality, and is located just off the N3, 3 ½ hours south east of Johannesburg and 2 ½ hours north west of Durban.

The population and demographic profile information is provided under General Information in Chapter 5 on page 16 of this report. The demographic information is drawn from the 2001 Census figures compiled by Statistics South Africa.

The recent proposed ward delimitation process by the demarcation Board has proposed an additional two wards thus increasing the total number of wards from 25 to 27 by the next Local Government Elections. Thus is an indication that our Municipality is growing.

